



Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

Economic Development Corporation

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Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development
MS 2749 ATTN: Section 1813 study
1849 C Street N.W.
Washington DC 20240

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please allow this letter to provide comments to you on the workplan for the Study of Energy Rights-of-Ways on Indian Land which will be conducted pursuant to Section 1813 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians is a member organization with 57 member tribes from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, and California.

We would like to be included in your pre-scoping discussions under your work plan, and would appreciate receiving monthly updates on the progress of your study, perhaps through an email list or informal electronic newsletter. Please contact me at (303) 443-0182 and mschaffpc@att.net for further discussion.

Your workplan appears respectful of the tribal consultation process, and appears to be workable with the short time frame for the study. We propose that in addition to an email list or informal electronic newsletter, you hold the scoping meeting and working groups and any other study related meetings with good microphone systems and the ability to participate by telephone-bridge. We would also appreciate an agenda and presentation materials being emailed to interested parties, or available on the web prior to the meetings. Many tribes and entities will be unable to afford attendance at these meetings and it will be important to have a broad perspective on these issues.

Thank you for your work on this project.

Sincerely,

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Energy Policy Analyst